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Ladies, Gentlemen:

I am writing to support the settlement of the Microsoft case as it stands today.

While I cannot even agree with the pursuit of the case in the first case, regardless, it has occurred. First and foremost, Microsoft is not a monopoly.

Microsoft has created the ability for the average person to use the personal computer. Prior to Microsoft's comprehensive programs for work, together with their operating systems, the use of the personal computer was a perilous and cumbersome time.

I have been a user of the personal computer from the early 1980's. At that time, with DOS as the standard, loading a new program was an arduous task not to mention the "risk" you had in merely turning off your computer incorrectly. Missteps in either of these operations could have easily rendered your PC hopelessly "crashed". At that time, an expensive "consultant" was the only resolution to recovery of your PC tool.

Microsoft changed that through its integrated systems. Apple did not do it. Oracle did not do it. IBM did not do it. Microsoft did it. There system is not perfect. There "capture" of the market is not perfect. However, they have done nothing that any other visionary company could not have done.

This witch hunt of a legal proceeding is an atrocity and a fierce challenge to the way America has become what it is-----the place where innovation is rewarded, and a better mousetrap universally purchased and used by the average citizen. The expert mouse catcher, such as my cat George, will never be interested in the tool that is available to us average users.

Finish this proceeding at the earliest time. Settle this case now. Let Microsoft and the American inventor and visionary proceed with the next great idea that will fuel the American and world economy to new and greater heights.

Thank you.

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